

U.S. SENATE RECORDS OF SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD

U.S. Senate Institutional Records

- longest serving U.S. Senator in history. (Senator Byrd had served 17,327 days in the U.S. Senate on June 12, 2006 – making him the longest serving U.S. Senator in history.)
- only person elected to nine full-terms in the U.S. Senate.
- presided over the shortest session of the U.S. Senate in history. (6/10ths of a second, February 27, 1989.)
- presided over the Senate for the longest continuous period in history. (21 hour, 8 minutes, March 7-8, 1960.)
- has served on a U.S. Senate Committee longer than other U.S. Senator in history. (U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, January 14, 1959-present.)
- only U.S. Senator to preside over more than one Senate impeachment trial. (Judge Alcee Hastings, October 20, 1989; Judge Walter Nixon, November 3, 1989.)

U.S. Senate Voting Records

- has cast more roll call votes than any other U.S. Senator. (Cast vote number 12,134 on April 27, 1990.) (He cast, in total, 18,689 votes)
- cast 4,705 consecutive votes – the second highest consecutive vote total in U.S. Senate history.

U.S. Senate Leadership

- has held the most leadership positions in the U.S. Senate (secretary of the majority conference, majority whip, minority leader, majority leader, and president pro

tempore of the Senate.)

- one of two U.S. Senators to be elected Senate Majority Leader in non-consecutive terms. (Served as U.S. Senate Majority Leader in 95th and 96th Congresses, 1977-1981, and 100th Congress, 1987-1989.)

West Virginia

- has served in the U.S. Senate longer than any of the other U.S. Senator from West Virginia.
- only West Virginian to have served in both Houses of the West Virginia State Legislature and both Houses of the U.S. Congress.
- first public official in West Virginia to have won all of the state's 55 counties in a contested election.
- first West Virginian elected without opposition in a general state election.

Personal

- only person to have begun and completed a law degree while serving in the United States Congress.
- first Senator to have completed a comprehensive history of the U.S. Senate based on his own insights, recollections, and the work of scholars.